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THE EXPANDING RELATIONS OF CHEMISTRY IN AMERICA¹

AFTER a year of such strenuous service as characterized that through which we have just passed, it is well that we are again assembled for report on the work of our laboratories and for helpful conference concerning future growth and broader service. A large part of the past year's work has, through the suddenness of the call, been necessarily individualistic; the assemblage of this week furnishes the means for planning more coordinated effort for mutual counsel and for deepening that spirit of cooperation which is so essential if we are to worthily meet our full responsibilities.

It is again incumbent upon me to address you. In seeking a subject I have put aside the temptation to lay before you statistics illustrative of marvelous growth during the past year, and, in spite of our belief in specialization, it has not seemed suitable to select any one line of development for tracing in thorough detail. This period is still too formative and the demands upon you too many-sided for such restricted discussion. I have therefore selected the broader topic "The Expanding Relations of Chemistry in America," using the present participle advisedly as indicative of growth and as mandatory of greater effort if the widening circles of chemical influence are to reach the broad shores of full-fledged accomplishment.

The dynamic center of this movement is

¹ Address of the President of the American Chemical Society read at the New York meeting, September 26, 1916.